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SUBJECT: ECFMG EXAMINATION

REF: (A) STANLEY SEPTEMBER 20 LETTER TO CCAO; (V) ISLAMAMBAD 3285,

1. APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MISS MARY STANLEY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR TEST ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION FOR FOREIGN MEDICAL GRADUATES, 3624 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA. 19104 (TELEPHONE: 215-349-9000).

2. RECEIVED STANLEY LETTER. HAVE DISCUSSED MATTER AND ADVICE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN (REF. B) STILL APPLIES. THOUGH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND INDIA HAVE BEEN RE-ESTABLISHED SINCE REF. B, STILL VERY DOUBTFUL IF GOP WOULD GIVE VISAS TO MORE THAN A THOUSAND TEST APPLICANTS TO TAKE EXAMS IN PAKISTAN WHICH INDIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT PERMIT IN INDIA. SHOULD ALSO MENTION THAT THOUGH RELATIONS RE-ESTABLISHED, SECURING OF PAKISTAN VISAS BY INDIANS STILL AN EXTREMELY LENGTHY AND CHANCY PROCESS.

3. IN ADDITION, WE ARE ALSO FEARFUL THAT ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN SO MANY VISAS FOR PAKISTAN MIGHT MAKE GOP BEGIN TO QUESTION WISDOM OF PERMITTING EXAM TO BE GIVEN TO ITS OWN CITIZENS, LET ALONE OUTSIDERS. THE EXAM HAS NOT BEEN CONSPICUOUS IN THE
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PAST, BUT SO MANY INDIANS APPLYING FOR VISAS MIGHT DRAW THE

GOP'S ATTENTION TO IT, CAUSING IT TO RE-EXAMINE ITS OWN POLICY
TOWARDS THE ECFMG.

4. SEEMS TO US IT WOULD BE BETTER TO TRY TO SPREAD THE
INDIAN APPLICANTS AMONG A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES, ONE OF WHICH
COULD BE PAKISTAN, SO THAT THE IMPACT ON ANY GIVEN COUNTRY
WOULD BE LESS. APPRECIATE ECFMG PROBLEM AND WANT TO BE
COOPERATIVE BUT NOT AT EXPENSE OF POTENTIALLY JEOPARDIZING
ECFMG PROGRAM IN PAKISTAN. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT.
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